



Welcome

to Trinity Church

Easter Vigil &
Easter Day

April 4 & 5, 2026

The angel said to the women, "Do not be afraid; I know that you are looking for Jesus who was crucified. He is not here; for he has been raised, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay. (Matthew 28:5-6)

Happy Easter! On this day of resurrection, we join with followers of Jesus around the world and across the millennia who have peered into the empty tomb and proclaimed "Alleluia! Christ is risen! The Lord is risen indeed! Alleluia!"

Through the Risen Christ, we experience the gift of new life. We have seen the place where he lay, and we know that death no longer has dominion over him or us. As Jesus triumphed once and triumphs still over death and the forces of hate, violence, and oppression, we are invited to share his new life -- life in the Reign of God. Eternal life begins right here and now. The Kingdom of Heaven is among us and within us, and we are invited to participate in the great work of making all things new.

This Holy Week I have shared stories of life, death, and new life from the "When We All Get to Heaven" podcast by Eureka Street Productions, the result of a ten year research project (led by Lynne Gerber, a sociologist of religion) that studied the audio archives of the Metropolitan Community Church of San Francisco from 1987 to 2003, years in which the LGBTQ-affirming congregation confronted the HIV/AIDS crisis. Stories of trusting that love is stronger than death, made manifest by receiving communion from the hands of a dying man; of families brought together, new families created, and families advocating for the equality of all God's children; of a young woman's prayer to overcome her fears and sense of inadequacy so that she could better care for her friend; and of a church so moved by its experience of loss, healing, and organizing for change that it couldn't help but embrace the vulnerable unhoused youth on its doorstep. This Sunday I have one more story to share from our siblings in Christ at MCC SF, one that embraces perhaps the biggest resurrection hope of all: the healing of the earth.

I have never done something quite like this in my preaching before, but I was inspired to do so because I found these stories so deeply moving and because I believe that this one congregation's response to an existential crisis facing their members and their community speaks to us today as we seek to find hope and new life amidst the instability, uncertainty, and troubling developments we see in the world around us. And spoiler alert for our future: there is hope because, in the end, love is always stronger than death and hate.

Christ *has* died, but Christ *is* risen! Christ is risen, in the present tense. Christ lives in you and me, in each and everyone of us. Whether we are sorrowful or joyful, Christ is always alive in us and is always calling us to the fullness of life in the Reign of God. We experience resurrection, and then we are called to embody the spirit of the Risen Christ for one another--in the church and then to the whole world.

Peace, Chase

Providing **healing**, proclaiming **hope** & practicing **God's unconditional love.**

Worship at Trinity

Powerful, joyful and Spirit-filled worship that is reverent, warm and inviting, with uplifting music and preaching!

Sundays:

8 AM Holy Eucharist in the Church
A gentle, said service (no music)

10 AM Holy Eucharist in the Church
Joyous, sung music

Monday-Friday:

7:30 AM Morning Prayer said in the home M - F
Resources available at www.TrinityNJ.com/Worship

7:30 AM Friday - Morning Prayer in the Chapel

Wednesdays:

6:30 PM Holy Eucharist in the Chapel
Healing Service first Wednesday of the month

Connect with Us

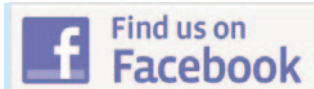
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Trinity Basics

PASTORAL SERVICES AND SACRAMENTS: Contact Jill Osis in the parish office for all non-emergency pastoral needs: Baptisms, the rite of Reconciliation of a Penitent (personal confession & counsel), Blessing of Marriage & Unions, communion for the sick and homebound, or visits to the hospital.

PANTRY & COMMUNITY SOUP KITCHEN: The Trinity Food Pantry is open Tuesdays from 10:30AM-1PM and on Saturday, a hot, sit-down meal is served from 11:30AM-12:30PM.

Questions? Contact Derek at Derek@TrinityNJ.com.

CHOIRS: Find out about our dynamic and growing choirs, contact Dr. Deborah Simpkin King at Deborah@TrinityNJ.com for information!

PARISH LEADERSHIP (*Vestry*):

Bill Presutti (warden) Wendy Jaghab (warden)
Brice Byham, David Clark, Gregory Curatolo, Donna Griffin,
Megan Jones, Mary Perez, James Pillar, Andy Place, and
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Parish Prayers

Please keep the following people in your prayers this week:

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| Jackie Campanelli | Denise & Bill Pearson | Tom Moran | Barbara Quella |
| Manal Miller | Michael Isaccson | Kevin Burkitt | Anthony Carpinelli |
| Stephanie | Tina S | Shannon Welch | Yvonne Paradiso |
| Margaret Jones | Tom | Joe Madigan | Suzanne O'Hearn |
| Miles | Tom S | Michele Beckerman | Seneca Williams |
| Denzel Donaldson | Sophia | Carol Moriggia | |
| Gregory Curatolo | DJ | Jaime | |

If you would like to be added to the prayer list or would like to add someone else (*please get their permission first*), please email prayer@trinitynj.com or call Wendy Jaghab at 732-616-8568 by the Tuesday before you would like the name to appear in the bulletin. Names will remain on the prayer list for 4 weeks, and can be readded upon request.



Prayer Team Ministry. During communion, those who would like someone to pray with them are invited to come to one of the prayer stations located in the back of the church. A member of the Trinity Prayer Team will say a prayer with you for yourself or someone else. You are welcome to sit or stand during the prayer. What is said at the prayer station is held in confidence by the person who prays with you. They cannot talk with you or anyone else about your requested prayer without your permission. The only exception is a person intending to harm themselves or someone else. Questions about this ministry? Contact Joanie McCoy, leader of the Prayer Team at 908-216-5529 or 732-780-3111 or PrayerTeam@TrinityNJ.com.

Trinity Cycle of Prayer During Morning Prayer this week, we will be praying for the following Trinity Parishioners and Friends

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| 4/6 | 4/7 | 4/8 | 4/9 | 4/10 |
| Wendy Jaghab | Thomas Johnson | Megan Jones | Eric & Dori Jones | Judy & Bob Junnier |

News & Notes

Are You on the List??

Every Friday, Trinity sends out an email "blast" with a message from Fr. Chase, events happening at Trinity and beyond, pictures from parish gatherings, and all the information you need to know! We also send out a worship email every Sunday with the service bulletin and information insert and occasional other emails when necessary. This is a great way to see what's happening in the Trinity Community and beyond and to stay connected with us! If you don't already receive the email blast and would like to sign up, please visit our website www.TrinityNJ.com, scroll down to the bottom and hit the "Subscribe" button to get started!

Community Easter Meal ~ Today, Sunday, April 5, 12pm-2pm

FEEDing Frenz will once again be holding a community Easter meal here at Trinity on Sunday, April 5th from 12pm-2pm. All are welcome to come enjoy a delicious meal and friendship with FEEDing Frenz volunteers.

Easter Week Reduced Staff Hours

During the week following Easter, the office will be open for regular hours, T-F 9am-3pm, but some church staff members will work reduced hours. Please note that the Rev. Chase Danford, Rector, will be away from Monday, April 6 through Monday, April 13.

No Wednesday Service Easter Week April 8

Since Fr. Chase is out during Easter week and many Wednesday regulars are on the parish retreat at Holy Cross, there will be no Wednesday service on April 8.

Spaghetti Supper with a Side of Meatballs! Sunday, April 19 at 2pm

Please join us for our first Spaghetti Dinner and Meatball Contest on Sunday, April 19 at 2pm! 10+ contestants will bring their best "meatball" recipe vying for the "MEATBALL WIZARD" crown.....followed by a spaghetti dinner and bragging rights for the winner!!! A free-will offering will be accepted.

Welcome Families!

Greetings from the Children, Youth, and Family Ministries at Trinity Church. We're so glad you're here this Resurrection Sunday! We invite your family to join us each Sunday during worship, where we offer nursery and Sunday School for children to learn and grow through interactive, hands-on experiences with God's Word. We also offer opportunities for middle and high school youth to connect, serve, and grow in their faith, including Confirmation. Our heart is to walk alongside our children and youth as they grow in faith and fully participate in the life of the church. We would love for your family to be part of it! If you have any questions or would like to learn more, reach out to Ayanna Adams, our Director of Children, Youth, & Family Ministries at Ayanna@trinitynj.com.

Diocesan Book Study on Anglican Slavery in New Jersey: April 16-May 21

The Reparations Commission of the Episcopal Diocese of New Jersey invites you to a free, author-led, Zoom book group on the recently released *Anglican Slavery in New Jersey: An Initial Accounting* with author Jolyon Pruszinski. All are welcome. The book group will run on Thursday nights at 7-8 P.M from April 16 to May 21, 2026. Zoom pre-registration is required. For more information, visit the Diocese of New Jersey Racial Justice Review. Books are available for a discount through the publisher, which you can find through the diocesan Racial Justice Review link.

Spaghetti Dinner Meatball Contest

Do you have what it takes to be crowned "Meatball Wizard"? We are seeking 10 contenders for a fun filled cuisine showdown followed by a family friendly spaghetti dinner on Sunday, April 19 at 2:00 pm. Please see Alan Woodruff (516) 297-3480 or David Clark (732) 535-1775 for details on how to enter!

Adult Forum ~ Sunday, April 12th at 9am

This coming Sunday, April 12th, the Adult Forum at 9am will continue to discuss the Kairos II document and the significance of Christian Nationalism.

Housing Equity in Action ~ Saturday, April 11, 10am-12pm

Come learn and advocate for affordable housing in Monmouth County, April 11th at 10AM in Larson Hall (Parking Lot 2) at Brookdale Community College! Together we can push for more affordable housing for a better and healthier Monmouth County!

Weekly Bible Sharing ~ On Hiatus Until April 22nd

Our Wednesday Bible Sharing group is taking a break for a few weeks. We will restart our weekly gatherings on Wednesday, April 22nd. We are currently developing our next unit - more to come!

Assistive Listening Devices Available for Use

Our sound system includes an Assistive Listening Device Unit. We have listening packs and headphones available for use during services, or bring your own headphones. Please see an usher or Verger if you'd like to use a device during services.

Easter Day at Trinity! Join Us!

April 5 ~ Easter Sunday

6:30am Easter Sunrise Service at the Beach with homily and singing! Service will be held at the northernmost end of the Asbury Park Boardwalk in front of Asbury Tower. There is a free parking lot and free street parking until 9am available. Also livestreamed on Facebook

8am Easter Day Holy Eucharist with sermon and music; The Rev. Chase Danford preaching

10am Festive Easter Day Holy Eucharist with choir and brass;

The Rev. Chase Danford preaching Also livestreamed on our YouTube Channel.